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John F. Kennedy Birthplace Opens for Summer Season May 27, 2005

Brookline, MA-- John F. Kennedy National Historic Site at 83 Beals Street in Brookline, Massachusetts, will re-open to visitors for the summer season beginning Friday, May 27, 2005. Visitor hours are Wednesday - Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The famous Brookline landmark was the birthplace and early childhood home of the 35th President of the United States. Guided tours, video programs, bookstore sales, and information services are available. For program schedule, directions, and fee information, call #617/566-7937 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/jofi.

The modest house was the first home shared by the president's father and mother, Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. John, the second of their nine children, spent his formative years in Brookline as his family began its rise to national prominence. In 1967 Rose Kennedy returned to 83 Beals Street to commemorate President Kennedy's life, restoring the birthplace to her recollection of its 1917 appearance. Today National Park Service rangers provide tours of this nine-room house museum and its collection of Kennedy family furnishings, photographs, and significant mementos personally collected and arranged by the president's mother. A taped narrative produced by Rose Kennedy in her own words provides a unique and evocative addition to the ranger-guided tour.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through October. Guided tours of the house are offered every half-hour starting at 10 a.m. The last ranger-led tour is at 3 p.m. From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. visitors may follow a self-guided tour.

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